

## MR. J. V. D. CARD, REALTY MAN, DEAD

Born in New York and for Many Years President of the West End Association.

Mr. James Van Dyck Card, for many years president of the West End Association, and a prominent real estate operator, died yesterday at his home, No. 248 West Seventy-third street. He had been ill for many days of intestinal trouble. He was born in this city in 1840, and had lived here all his life.

Mr. Card was long and favorably known to many residents of the central west side, in which district he specialized as a broker in the sale and management of private dwellings and apartment houses.

He saw the section of the city west of Central Park grow out of an area of vacant fields, having practically no advantages of transportation into the foremost apartment house section of New York. In the bringing about of these changes he played an important part, having long enjoyed the confidence of many of the most prominent builders, operators and investors.

## MAGISTRATE GILROY, ILL SIX WEEKS, DIES

City Magistrate Eugene C. Gilroy, of the borough of Queens died last night at his home in Far Rockaway as the result of an illness contracted six weeks ago at the funeral of his father, the late Mr. Thomas P. Gilroy, one time Mayor of New York. Magistrate Gilroy caught a severe cold at the time, which developed later into typhoid fever, from which an acute attack of Bright's disease resulted.

Mr. Gilroy was born thirty-four years ago in New York city. He was graduated from the Christian Brothers' College at Manhattanville and the New York Law School. He was engaged in private practice when Mayor McClellan appointed him a city magistrate in 1902.

Eight years ago Mr. Gilroy married Miss Elizabeth Hickey, of Brooklyn, who survives him with three children, a son of six, a boy of four and a baby fourteen months old. He also has three brothers and six sisters.

Mr. Gilroy was active in politics in Queens borough and was a supporter of the borough president, Mr. Maurice R. Connolly, against the one time leader, Mr. Joseph Cassidy.

### OBITUARY.

#### MR. WILLIAM HENRY BREEN.

Mr. William Henry Breen, Deputy Assistant District Attorney and a son of City Magistrate Breen, died on Saturday night in St. Luke's Hospital, where he was taken a week ago, suffering from a complication of diseases. Mr. Breen was twenty-five years old and lived with his father and mother at No. 214 Aqueduct avenue in the Bronx. He was a graduate of Fordham University and of the New York Law School. After several years spent in travel he was appointed a Deputy Assistant District Attorney by District Attorney Whitman and assigned to duty in the various police courts. Some time ago he was transferred to represent the District Attorney's office in the Court of Special Sessions.

#### CHARLES EWAN MERRITT.

Mr. Charles Ewan Merritt, a well known lawyer, of Mount Hope, N. J., died yesterday of paralysis, aged sixty-nine. He was treasurer of the Episcopal diocese of New Jersey, treasurer of the Burlington County Fair Association, treasurer and senior warden of St. Andrew's Church, director and collector of the Burlington County Safe Deposit and Trust Company of Moorestown, and president of the Farmers' Trust Company. Graduating from the Ohio Wesleyan University, he held in the Seventy-ninth Ohio Volunteers and served three years under Benjamin Harrison, afterward President of the United States. He was largely through Mr. Merritt's efforts that General E. Shiras Post, G. A. R., was organized. He was a member of the Society of the Cincinnati.

#### MR. HENRY C. BABOOK.

Mr. Henry C. Babook, president of the Babook Coal Company, died on Friday at his home, No. 17 Woodstock avenue, the Bronx. He was eighty-one years old. Born in London, he came to this country with his father fifty-three years ago. Both offered their services to their adopted country at the outbreak of the civil war. Mr. Babook, who was a chemist, was assigned to the United States Laboratory, and his father was placed in command of the Overstar, a gunboat, aboard which the late Rear Admiral Schley served as a junior officer. After the war Mr. Babook was engaged for many years in the sale of building material. Ten years ago he established the coal business, which his sons managed for him. Thirty-eight years ago he built a mansion at 125th street and Fifth avenue, and twenty-five years later he disposed of it and moved to the Bronx. He is survived by two daughters and five sons.

#### MR. ROBERT S. GOULD.

Mr. Robert S. Gould, for many years a prominent resident of the Heights section of Brooklyn, and widely known as a real estate operator, died on Saturday at his home, No. 23 Beaman street. He was seventy-three years old, was born in Hackensack, N. J., and was a member of the real estate firm of Doughty & Gould, with principal offices in Newark, N. J. Mr. Gould was a veteran of the civil war, a member of Lafayette Post, G. A. R., and a member also of the Veterans' Association of the Second company of the Seventh regiment. He is survived by his widow, one son and one daughter.

#### Obituary Notes.

Mr. William C. Jones, a civil war veteran, and for sixty years a resident of Brooklyn, died of a complication of diseases on Friday at his home, Seventeenth avenue and Fifth street, aged sixty-two. Mr. Jones was for many years a Custom House broker and was prominent member of the Kings County Democratic General Committee.

Mrs. Sarah Burbank, one of the oldest residents of Staten Island, is dead at her home in Cedar Lane avenue, New Dorp. She was born in New Dorp ninety-three years ago and lived there all her life. She was the widow of Mr. John Burbank.

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## CHAMPION STAR BOARDER UNCOVERED IN HIS LAIR

Hero of Countless Battles with the Death Defying Prune Has Chart Which Shows Just What Food May Be Expected and When.

After years of the most painstaking research and careful defying exploration, during which the trail has led from the Fourteenth street hash refectory to the exclusive west side "lodgings," the great American star boarder has been found at last. From time to time many imitators and impostors have appeared to claim the laurels, and at times their claims seemed genuine. But in the relentless pursuit these frauds have been run down and the real holder of the title, the veteran survivor of many sanguine encounters with yesterday's warner over chicken a la friandise, has been unearthed.

A Herald reporter discovered him yesterday in a West Twenty-third street boarding house. Strongly protected by fortifications of corned beef and cabbage, and armed with the deadly prune piled high for ammunition, the "paying guest" at first received the intruder with a frigid welcome.

"Is it for this," he said, "that I have occupied the second floor front for these many years?"

"I have come to salute you," the shrinking reporter replied.

Before long, however, the star boarder, in the flickering gas jet, held his hands over it and finally warmed up.

"I have lived here so long that even the mice in the room know me," he said, "and I have never been forced to lower my suit case out of the window and escape by the fire escape in order to leave the house, which is more than some of the plebeians in

the house can say," he continued. "I do not care to mention names, but"—

"And are you really the star boarder?" the reporter asked.

"Of course, I am. Every landlady in the city knows of me. Some of the great they think have met me, but they have found out their mistake. Ah! They've found out."

The star boarder ran his fingers through his flowing white hair, and he did so revealed the remnants of countless menus of former days.

"Now, here," he said, as he drew a pile of blue prints from the desk, "is a chart which I have drawn up showing conclusively the only economical way of feeding boarders without their knowing that they are being fed. This star marks the arrival of the beans at the Sunday night tea."

"A meal consists of a selection from each of the three groups. Do you understand me? This circle with the cross inside of it shows when the gas light is due to go out and the landlady is to ask one of the guests for a quarter to put in the gas meter."

The ghastly gas light flickered and grew dim. A knock was heard on the door.

"Pardon me," came a voice from the hall, "have you a quarter that you could lend me? I haven't any change in my purse."

The star boarder turned to the reporter. "Can you help her out?" he whispered. "I don't happen to have anything less than a twenty dollar bill in my pocket. I'll pay it back when I"—

But the reporter had fled.

Dr. Eugene F. Hoyt Declares It Would Be Far Superior to Crude Police Methods.

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Dr. Hoyt is well known in Europe as well as in America. He is a member of the Hahnemann Institute and of the Manhattan, New York, Lotus and Country clubs.

Hypnotism holds a place almost as low in Dr. Hoyt's estimation of psychological adjuncts to the detection of crime as does the "third degree." Hypnotism places something in the mind subjected to its influence, he says, while the least dangerous of anaesthetics, nitrous oxide, or laughing gas, merely reveals what already is in the mind unconscious of the search for its secrets.

While the putting of the anaesthetic to this use has long been in Dr. Hoyt's mind a recent experience with Mr. Corbett caused him to announce his views publicly.

Dr. Hoyt declares that if a man who has committed a crime be questioned about it at a certain stage of his recovery from nitrous oxide anaesthetic he will not only reply truthfully, but a half minute later will realize fully what he has said. Dr. Hoyt believes that complete and legal confession in case of guilt will follow this non-legal admission in practically every case.

Dr. Hoyt uses nitrous oxide gas exclusively in his operations, and it is administered by two surgeons who are his regular assistants. One of them was responsible for the Corbett instance. It is necessary to state that Mr. Corbett's name was not obtained from Dr. Hoyt.

The Corbett Incident.

Mr. Corbett was a patient of Dr. Hoyt and recently in the latter's office, No. 39 West Fifty-eighth street, submitted to a slight operation while under the influence of "laughing gas."

"As he was recovering from the anaesthetic," Dr. Hoyt said in confirming the story told by one of Mr. Corbett's friends, "and had reached that point where he began to break away from complete unconsciousness, the physician administering the nitrous oxide was struck with an idea which he put into operation immediately. He began counting, distinctly, 'One, two, three.'"

"Then the patient took up the numbers, saying 'Four, five, six—I'm all right and ready,' acting upon the impression that he had been knocked down in the ring and must show that he nevertheless was still qualified to meet the requirements of the situation. When he had recovered fully he said the experience was most vivid, and that he recognized the great importance of responding on time."

"It long has been my firmly established conviction that this property of nitrous oxide anaesthesia can be used to extract the truth as to their acts from those charged with serious crimes. If one suspected should be subjected to the effects of nitrous oxide until absolute unconsciousness resulted, and upon discontinuance of its administration questions should be asked, such as 'Did you kill her?' repeating and repeating it until in the process of recovery from the anaesthetic the subject reached the point where the intellect receives impressions without the power of intellectual defence, the truth would be told in every case."

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Change Name of Woodside, L. I., to "Woodshed" Because of Its Cold Storage Waiting Rooms.

With the mercury hovering around zero and the cutting wind sweeping across acres of open fields, passengers on the trains of the North Shore division of the Long Island Railroad complain bitterly of the lack of accommodation afforded by the company at the Woodside transfer station.

Under the present system all passengers to and from the Pennsylvania Station residing in Elmhurst, Corona, Flushing, Murray Hill, Great Neck and Intermediate stations to Port Washington, and also to College Point and Whitestone, must change cars at Woodside, because that is the end of the electric service. It is usually five or six minutes, often ten or fifteen minutes, that they are obliged to wait, and not infrequently the passengers from two or more trains over the North Side division are crowded into one electric train.

Such inconvenience and loss of time has been tolerated because north shore lines are not yet electrified. But for the lack of a proper waiting room at Woodside, where passengers would be protected from cold and storm, the travelling public has fared so far to find any excuse. The so-called waiting rooms now maintained consist of narrow sections of the platform enclosed in the most flimsy way and hardly large enough to shelter one fifth of the crowd which is often obliged to wait. Those who venture into these shacks suffer great discomfort. The wind sweeps through the cracks in the floor, which is open beneath, and rather than endure the draughts within, the majority take chances in the open, where they tramp the platform to keep from freezing.

The similarity of these alleged waiting rooms to woodsheds prompted the commuters to designate the place as "woodshed" instead of Woodside, and the cry, "All out for Woodshed," goes through the trains as Woodside is reached. It is declared by the commuters that their health is endangered by leaving warm cars to stand about in zero weather for five or ten minutes to transfer to another train, and that many have contracted severe colds.

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## King Arthur Used to Measure Coin in Jug Now in New York



A JEWISH MEASURE, OR EPHAH

Jewish Ephah, Use of Which Is Mentioned in the Bible, Was Found Near Site of the Merry Round Table, and Is Brought to This City.

Unearthed after centuries of obscurity, during which nations rose and fell, a Jewish ephah, or measure, hewn out of solid granite and eroded by the elements, is now in the possession of Mr. Alfred Giles, of No. 106 East Fifty-fourth street.

Before the rise of the Roman Empire it was carried on the shoulders of some sleepy Jewish maiden to the market place or brought to the temple, redolent of myrrh and frankincense. Its use is chronicled in several passages of the Bible, and in the story of Ruth it plays a part in her meeting with Boaz. "So she gleaned in the field," the story tells, "until even and beat out that she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley."

It was found by Mr. Giles several months ago in the ruins of King Arthur's castle at Tintagel, North Cornwall, England, not four feet from where legend says the famous Round Table stood in the centre of the Great Hall. There it was used, according to the archeologists who have seen it, to measure out the king's tithe, or the tenth part of a measure. And one side of the bowl, worn below the level, seems to speak of the countless times that the pieces of gold were poured out by an unwilling subject.

It is probable that in one of the upheavals which followed the fall of Rome it was brought to the King by some pilgrim from Jerusalem.

Although the ephah has been brought to the attention of archeologists of the American Museum of Natural History and of the British Museum, its age has not been determined. At the former place it was said that the ephah is older than anything in the museum, while in the British Museum there is no other specimen of its nature. It was only by prolonged search over fifth and sixth century manuscripts that its identity was established.

According to concordances to the Bible, an ephah is equal to about a quart and a half, liquid measure.

MR. DUNSTON OPERATED UPON.

But Restaurant Owner May Greet Friends To-Morrow.

Friends of "Jack" Dunston, proprietor of the restaurant in Sixth avenue which was christened with his first name, were alarmed yesterday by a report that he was seriously ill.

A member of the family said that Mr. Dunston was operated on last week, but that he probably will be able to greet his friends to-morrow night.

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